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Photoreceptor-Pineal Gene on 17p
Cause Leber Congenital Amaurosi (LCA4)

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby responds to the **Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules** of 20 November 2002 and submits the following documents:

- (1) **Copy of Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules** - sequences on page 49 Table 1 - Please note the sequences are number 79-88 to co-exist with previously submitted sequences 1-78;
- (2) **A Substitute Paper "Sequence Listing" and an identical "Sequence Listing" in computer readable, generated by the PatentIn 3.1 Software and check by Check 3.0; and a statement of identity of sequences.**
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This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2) (e.g., see page 49, Table1; see also figure 9; see also page 67 last paragraph). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

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